GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2128
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REPAIR AND EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN MAHARASHTRA AND GUJARAT
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for the repair and maintenance of National Highways in Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last two years and current year;

(b) whether the annual allocation for the purpose has always remained less;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are aware that in the absence of maintenance and repair of roads most of the National Highways are in bad condition; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) KHANDURI)

(a) The following funds have been allocated for the repair and maintenance of National Highways in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last two years and current year:-

(Rs.in lakh)

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003(Provisional)
Maharashtra	4065.00	5201.00	4296.95
Gujarat	2145.00	2574.81	2196.42

(b) & (c) The allocations under the maintenance and repair of National Highways to the States are made on the basis of availability of funds for this purpose, which is about 40% of the demand as per norms of maintenance and repairs.

(d) & (e) National Highways are maintained in traffic-worthy condition within the available funds and priority received from the State Governments. This Ministry has undertaken improvement of Riding Quality Programme since 1999-2000 and riding quality of about 23,000 km length has so far been improved.